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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2007
TO: Driver Education Providers and Instructors
FROM: Michigan Department of State, Driver Programs Division
SUBJECT: **DEPIA Prescribed Curriculum**

This memorandum is being issued to you for informational purposes only. It is intended to inform you of the new statewide teen driver education curriculum and future plans for implementing this curriculum. Curriculum training for providers and instructors will begin in October.

Curriculum

The Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act (DEPIA), Public Act 384, became effective October 1, 2006. DEPIA mandates the establishment of a uniform curriculum for all Michigan teen driver education programs. Version 2.0 of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) curriculum has been chosen by the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) as the model for its prescribed curriculum for driver education in Michigan. Each certified driver education provider offering a teen program will receive the prescribed curriculum and a guide for its implementation in a separate mailing.

Curriculum Training

Instructors (teen and adult) will have the opportunity to attend training workshops on the new curriculum beginning in October 2007. The training workshops are essential to the instructors' understanding of the curriculum and will satisfy professional development requirements for an instructor's first certificate renewal cycle. You will receive notification of specific training dates and locations in the near future. Participation in these workshops is highly recommended. Information regarding the curriculum training and other driver education topics will also be posted on the MDOS driver education web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Testing

Students currently taking Segment 1 must pass a knowledge test as part of the requirements before they advance to Segment 2. To further ensure that students acquire the knowledge needed to understand the risks associated with driving and how to drive safely, a knowledge test is being added to Segment 2. The knowledge tests for both segments will be computer-generated using web-based software. More detailed information regarding the knowledge tests will be provided during the curriculum workshops.

Questions?

Although you are not required to do anything at this time, if you have any questions concerning the implementation of the new curriculum, please contact the Driver Education Section at (517) 241-6850.